



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

*'St John's Cathedral is a place of God's grace, welcoming all,
following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.'*

EPIPHANY SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Michael Gibb

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/FnFkvjeGE6o>)

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)
Hymns: 69ii, 68, 67, 74
Anthem: The first Nowell (Bob Chilcott)
Voluntary: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, Op 67
No. 49 (Max Reger)
Readers: Martin Hills, Douglas Lam
Intercessor: Frank Lang

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) with Children's Baptisms

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Koon-G Chiu

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Diocesan New Year's Thanksgiving Service

Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 6th January 2025	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 7th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 8th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Like a Singing Bird Nicola Howard (Soprano) and Justin Sun (Piano)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 9th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
	8.30pm	<i>Prayers for Peace (ZOOM)</i>
FRI 10th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 11th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 12th January <i>Isaiah 43.1-7</i> <i>Psalms 29</i> <i>Acts 8.14-17</i> <i>Luke 3.15-17, 21-22</i>	The Baptism of Christ	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	9.00am	Responsorial Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Choral Mattins Officiant and Preacher: The Dean
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Healing Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

*Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. **No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording during the service. Please set your mobile phone to silent and refrain from using it during the service.***

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING
Isaiah 60.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING
Ephesians 3.1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by

revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 2.1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so

it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for The Church in Wales.

**Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui** (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for the Most Revd Andrew Chan, our Archbishop and primate; for our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

**We also pray for the Diocese of Eastern Kowloon**, the Rt Revd Dr Timothy Kwok, Diocesan Bishop, and all clergy; that they would be loyal servants of the Lord; for all parishes and all mission churches in the Diocese, for spiritual lives and a willing mind to serve, may God's will be done; for all schools in the Diocese and all students and teachers, may God watch over each family, so everyone feels the love of Christ; for all social services units in the Diocese and for all staff and clients, may people be set free and gain hope; For all Hong Kong people, may God grant us the peace which surpasses all understanding, and bless all to live out truth, goodness, and beauty.

**Within the Cathedral Parish** we pray for the Cathedral Church and its various congregations, for the Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Discovery Bay Church and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember in our prayers our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

**We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar**, where the people are suffering from both the continuing conflict and the recent terrible flooding. The Diocese is supporting hundreds of people who are homeless and have lost everything. Give thanks for funds donated to the diocese by cathedral members and others, aiding people who have no other help.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please pray for those who are sick:*  
Teresa Wong Yau Sut, Keith So, Stella Ko Lau, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Joseph Chu, Fung Wan Nui, Lee Clubb, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Lee Kit Ching Joseph, Ray Li, Sabrina Ho, Got Yuen Dick, Sister Jean Mary, Dr Verner Bickley, Alan Irvine, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Irena Wu, Toung Ming, Hsu Hon Chung, Muriel Tsang,

## NOTICES

Jane Pang Tong, Arturo Lamshing, Eva Sorrel, Raymond Yuen, Sanson Lau, Daisy Tai, Jerry Gleicher, Kitty Wong, Chuan Xiaokang, Annabella Janssen, Wong Dor Chun, Fr Hugh Phillipson, Wanda Wan H, Caitlin Berry, Wanda Clay and Sarah Wong.

*Please pray for the recently departed:*  
Mary Huber

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel: 2523 4157**.



## PRAYERS FOR PEACE

As conflicts rage in the Holy Land, Gaza and Ukraine, our world needs peace more than ever. Join members of the congregation to pray for peace on Zoom, every Thursday evening 8.30-9.00pm. Prayers provided, just join in. Please WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514 for the Zoom link.

## CLERGY

This morning, the Dean is joining the service at Discovery Bay Church, for the Installation and Licensing of The Revd Drew Courtright as Chaplain of St John's Cathedral and Priest in Charge of Discovery Bay Church.

### Diocese of Hong Kong Island 2025 New Year's Thanksgiving & Dedication Service

In the beginning of 2025, let us gather and offer our thanksgiving and dedication to our Lord. The Rt Revd Matthias Der, Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island, cordially invites all faithful to join the New Year's Thanksgiving and Dedication Service (Evensong) to be held at St John's Cathedral on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Bishop Matthias shall preach, and the choirs of St John's Cathedral and St Luke's Church will lead the Evensong. All are welcome. Bring a friend along.

Before the service, tea reception will be held for Bishop Matthias and the clergy to meet and share with all participants.

Date: **TODAY**  
Time: 4.00pm – Tea Reception  
5.00pm – Thanksgiving and  
Dedication Service

For enquiries, please contact Ms Suzanne Yeung of the Diocesan Office (Tel: 2526-5366)

### *Dedication Prayer*

*Becoming Christ's Disciples Renewing the Church*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, every day is a gift from you, and we thank you for your guidance and blessing.

We live in an unsettling world, where worries seem to be our constant neighbour. For this we pray, merciful Lord, for your mercy on us. Teach us to find peace and stillness in your Spirit. Help us to walk with Christ daily and not be overwhelmed by our challenges, but with a joyful heart always, share the hope and selfless love that brings wholeness to people near and far. Mature and make blossom the seeds of the Gospel that we have sown under your providence.

Empower us that we may embrace the joy of being Christ's Disciples, and instill us with passion that we may renew the church. May our living sacrifices be pleasing to Christ.

We pray in the name of God, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Bishop Matthias Der*

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## JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The statue of 'Jesus the Good Shepherd' in the Cathedral garden will be blessed by Bishop Matthias Der at 3.30pm this Sunday afternoon. Feel free to join us on this thanksgiving and joyful occasion.

## REFRESHMENTS in the Li Hall after 9.00am service

Please join us for light refreshments; a good opportunity to renew acquaintances, welcome visitors and new friends while enjoying fellowship with other parishioners.

### HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College SPRING 2025 SACRED MUSIC COURSES

#### **Hymns Singing and Appreciation (\*New Course\*)**

Instructor: Mr Lau Yik Long (*Provincial Music Officer*)

Dates: 7/1, 14/1, 21/1 (Tue, 3 lessons in total)

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College

#### **Fundamental Organ Improvisations**

Instructor: Mr Jonathan Yip (*Cathedral Organist, St John's Cathedral*)

Dates: 4/2, 25/2, 11/3, 18/3, 1/4, 8/4 (Tue, 6 lessons in total)

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venue: St John's Cathedral

#### **Fundamental Choral Conducting**

Instructor: Mr King Chan (*MMus Choral Conducting*)

Dates: 8/2, 15/2, 22/2, 1/3, (Sat, 4 lessons in total)

Time: 10.00am – 12.00nn

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College

#### **ABRSM Grade 5 Theory (Intensive Course)**

Instructor: Mr Lau Yik Long (*Provincial Music Officer*)

Dates: 10/2 – 26/6 (Mon or Thu, 20 lessons in total)

Time: 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College

All courses are taught in Cantonese.

Scan this QR code or visit <https://www.minghua.edu.hk/smrc-en> for details and applications:

For enquiries, please dial 2536 7537 (Mr Lau),  
or email to [music@minghua.edu.hk](mailto:music@minghua.edu.hk)



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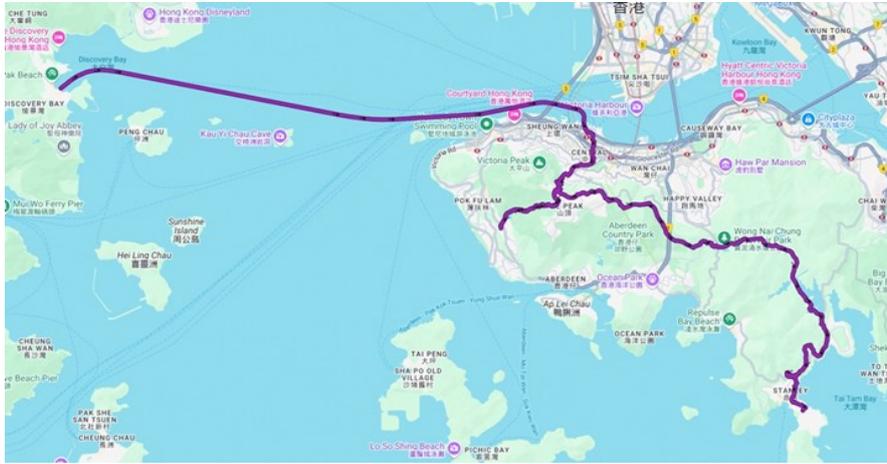
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# NOTICE

## ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH HIKE

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Discovery Bay Anglican Church – St John's Cathedral –  
Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam – St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley



### THE FULL ROUTE

- 6.50am Prayers at Discovery Bay Ferry Pier
- 7.10am Ferry to Central, walk to St John's Cathedral
- 8.00am Service at the Cathedral
- 8.40am Leave the Cathedral to Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam, via the Peak
- 10.30am Service at Emmanuel with Fr Robert
- 11.30am Refreshments
- 12 noon Leave Emmanuel, back up the Peak (or take a taxi)
- 1.00pm Leave the Peak to Wong Nai Chung Gap, Tai Tam Road, and Stanley
- 5.15pm Evening Prayer at St Stephen's with Will
- 6.00pm Supper in Stanley

I plan to join the Cathedral Parish Hike (please tick)

- At Discovery Bay Ferry 6.50am
- At St John's Cathedral 8.00am
- At Emmanuel Church 10.30am
- Outside the Peak Galleria 1.00pm
- I will join supper at Stanley

*Please write clearly*

*Your Name:*

*Email:*

*Phone:*

*Please return this form to the Cathedral Office.*

# ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

## Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

## Executive Administrator:

Mr Thomas Li

## Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry -

The Revd Canon Peter Koon

The Revd Amos Poon

Christian Education - The Revd Will Newman

*(Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley)*

Filipino Ministry -

The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

The Revd Sharon Langbis

Liturgy and Spirituality - The Revd Robert Martin CMP

*(Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam)*

Mission and Ministry - The Revd Amos Poon

Youth Ministry - The Revd Amos Poon

The Revd Drew Courtright

*(Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church)*

## Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri

The Revd Polly Wong Heung-fong

## Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service

Mission for Migrant Workers

SJC Life Enrichment Centre

Cathedral Bookstore

CLARES/Castaways

Prison Ministry



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*Clergy are here to listen and help. Please feel free to speak to one of them after the services, or make contact during the week: St John's Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central Tel: 2523 4157*

## Welcome to St John's Cathedral!

Please complete this form and hand it to one of the Clergy, a Sidesman or the Welcome Table.

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle as appropriate:*

*I attend the 8.00am/9.00am/10.30am/11.45am/1.30pm/5.00pm service.*

*I am interested in finding out about: Sunday School / Cathedral Choir / CLARES / Baptism & Confirmation / Flower Guild / Sidesman / Servers Guild / Fellowship Group / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.*

*Other questions / information:* \_\_\_\_\_

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